

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Forest Department- Diversion of 154.96 ha. of forest land in Kothagudem Forest Division (Ramavaram Reserve Forest, Compt.No.11,12, & 13 ) for Gouthami Khani OCP, Phase-III in favour of M/s. SCCL in Khammam District - Permission accorded- Orders issued.

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ENVIRONMENT FOREST SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.95

Dated:23-8-2008

Read the following:-

- 1.From Prl.CCF., Hyd. Lr.No. 62472/2004/F1, Dated: 23-2-2005.
- 2.State Govt. Lr.No. 1640/For.I(1)/2005-1, Dated: 10-5-2005.
- 3.From GOI,Mo.EF, New Delhi Lr.No.8-62/2005-FC,dated: 9/15-7-2008.

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**ORDER:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad in his letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 154.96 ha. of forest land in Ramavaram Reserve Forest, Compartment No.11,12, & 13, Kothagudem Forest Division for Gouthami Khani OCP, Phase-III in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited and requested to send the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests for their approval under Section-2 of F (C ) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal has been sent to Government of India for their approval under Forest (C ) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above. The Government of India in their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above have accorded their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 154.96 ha. of forest land for this project subject to certain conditions.

3. The Government after consideration of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad for diversion of 154.96 ha. of forest land in Ramavaram Reserve Forest, Compartment No.11,12, & 13, Kothagudem Forest Division for Gouthami Khani OCP, Phase-III in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited, subject to the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. (i) Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.

(ii) Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 metres strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area) shall be done at the project cost and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation on 100 meter radius of mining lease granted in degraded forest land if density is less than 0.4/enrichment plantation shall be taken up by the user agency in consultation with the Forest Department.

(iii) Where ever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.

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3. The recommendations made in the Impact Assessment Study carried out by Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) shall be implemented at the project cost.
4. The Scheme for soil and moisture conservation for the entire watershed area shall be implemented at the project cost.
5. The non-forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation should be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and should be declared as Reserved Forest.
6. All measures should be taken to prevent pollution of tanks, rivers and nalas, etc. The desilting of adjoining villages in radius of 5 Km may also be taken up by the User Agency from time to time.
7. The period of diversion under this approval shall be twenty (20) years subject to possession of valid lease by the User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957.
8. (i) The User Agency shall take up planting work on the static dumps during the advance mining operations and the toe wall around the dump shall be taken up by the user agency.

(ii) All the dumps shall be fully reclaimed by afforestation immediately after closure of the mine in the shortest possible period under supervision of the State Forest Department.

9. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable, and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
10. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.
11. For reclamation works, the top soil should be preserved and should be used for reclamation. The areas shall be reclaimed keeping in view the international practice of stabilizing the dumps by grading/benching so that angles of repose (normally less than 28° at any given place) are maintained.
12. The reclamation plan including siltation tanks shall be implemented and monitored continuously. The User Agency should furnish the extent of area to be technically and biologically reclaimed each year, to facilitate monitoring. The annual report about the progress of reclamation should be submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, Bangalore.
13. It shall be ensured that no labour-camps are set up inside the forest area.
14. The mining lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC Pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.
15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
16. Any other condition that the State Forest Department, as well as CCF (Central), Regional office, Bangalore, may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area. Shall also be applicable.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Hyderabad.

Copy to: M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER